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SUBJECT: SECVISIT: FOREIGN MINISTER CALVANI' S LUNCHEON REMARKS

1. AT LUNCHEON IN HONOR OF SECRETARY ROGERS MAY 15, FOREIGN MINISTER CALVANI SPEAKING BEFORE SECRETARY WELCOMED SECRETARY AND PARTY, AND SAID VENEZUELA' S HOSPITALITY IS GENUINE, NOTING THAT MORE THAN FIFTEEN THOUSAND NORTH AMERICANS WHO LIVE IN VENEZUELA, WITH LARGE NUMBER AND AMOUNT OF INVESTMENTS, " ARE WELL- RECEIVED AND FIND THEIR PROPERTIES AND LIVES GUARANTEED IN OUR COUNTRY."

2. REFERRING TO SECRETARY' S ARRIVAL STATEMENT THAT US SEEKS TO BUILD A WORLD MORE JUST, MORE COOPERATIVE AND MORE PROSPEROUS, THAT PATERNALISM IS A THING OF THE PAST AND WE SEEK NEW RELATIONSHIP BASED ON POLITICAL EQUALITY AND CLOSE ECONOMIC AND COMMERCIAL COLLABORATION, CALVANI SAID THIS IS ALSO INCLUDED IN VENEZUELA' S FOREIGN POLICY IN CONCEPT OF INTERNATIONAL SOCIAL JUSTICE.

3. HE CONTINUED: WE AGREE WHEN YOU SAY" MORE TRADE AND LESS AID." AS LONG AS THAT TRADE IS BASED ON JUSTICE. WE ARE PRODUCERS OF RAW MATERIALS, WHICH OFTEN DECREASE IN PRICE IN THE INTERNATIONAL MARKET, WHILE MANUFACTURED PRODUCTS WE IMPORT INCREASE IN PRICE, BRINGING DETERIORATION OF TERMS OF TRADE. THIS UNJUST SITUATION HAS LED US TO CARRY OUT A POLICY OF DEFENSE OF OUR NATURAL
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RESOURCES. DEFENSE OF THESE PRICES IS NOT ANTAGONISTIC TO ANYONE.
IT IS DEFENSE OF OUR DEVELOPMENT AND NATIONAL IDENTIFY. THIS
" DEMOCRATIC NATIONALISM" IS NOT THE IMPERIALISTIC EUROPEAN
NATIONALISM OF LAST CENTURY, BUT EXPRESSION OF NATIONAL IDENTITY.
VENEZUELA WANTS TO BE RESPONSIBLE FOR ITS OWN HISTORIC DESTINY.

4. THIS IS HOW WE THINK AND HOW WE FEEL. WE WANT CLOSER RELATIONS
BASED ON THIS IDEA OF POLITICAL EQUALITY, MUTUAL RESPECT, AND CLOSE
ECONOMIC AND COMMERCIAL COLLABORATION TO BUILD A WORLD MORE JUST,
MORE COOPERATIVE, AND MORE PROSPEROUS.

5. CALVANI CONCLUDED WITH TOAST TO SUCCESS OF SECRETARY' S MISSION.
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